(5) Sri D. K. Kannappar.

(6) ,, P. M. Lingesan.

(Accepted by the Government of India.)

(7) Sri A. Varadappa Chetty.

(Accepted by the Government of India.)

(8) Sri V. G. S. V. Prasad.

Drinking water wells sunk in Coimbatore district

* 2943 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answer given on 10th February 1955 to a supplementary question to question No. 611 the number of drinking water wells since sunk in the Coimbatore district in accordance with the decision to sink thousand more wells before 30th June 1955?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Four hundred and forty-eight.

Appointment of additional teachers in South Kanara

* 2944 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a representation from the South Kanara District Board for the sanction of additional teachers in the schools opened under the scheme to relieve unemployment, where the strength is more than thirty; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. In May last, the President of the District Board asked for 59 teachers for appointment as additional teachers in the schools opened during 1954-55. Out of the quota of teachers sanctioned by the Government of India for 1955–56, 58 teachers have been allotted to the District Board of whom 30 are for opening schools in the remaining centres where there are no schools and the rest, viz., 28 for appointment as additional teachers in the single-teacher schools opened last year. A few more teachers will be allotted to the District Board during the course of this year.

New rice mills

* 2945 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of applications that were received in 1954–55 for starting new rice mills and the number sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member presumably wants information regarding the number of applications for starting new rice mills that were received in the calendar years 1954 and 1955 (up-to-date).

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One thousand five hundred and twenty-six applications were received in 1954 and 1955 (up-to-date) for starting new rice mills in this State. Licences under the Madras Rice Mills Licensing Order, have been issued to 1,014 new rice mills during the same period.

Costly medicines for Non-Gazetted Officers

* 2946 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN (on behalf of Sri V. Balakrishnan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have issued confidential circulars to Medical Officers in the state fettering their discretion in prescribing costly medicines to Non-Gazetted Officers?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : No, Sir.

Adivasis of Attapadi Valley

* 2947 Q.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation was made to him by the Adivasis of Attapadi Valley in South Malabar when he visited the place in May 1955; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Installation of Portrait in Public Schools

* 2948 Q.—SRI M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that permission has not been granted for the installation of the portrait of Thiru Vi. Ka in the Board High School Hall, Tirumalavadi, and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the rules for the grant of permission for the installation of portraits of great men in public schools and places?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Permission has been granted to the District Board for the maintenance of the portrait of Sri Thiru Vi. Kalyanasundara Mudaliar in the premises of the Board High School, Tirumalavadi.

(b) Copies [a] of G.O. No. 17, Local Administration, dated 3rd January 1953 and G.O. No. 911, Local Administration, dated 23rd April 1953 and placed on the table of the House.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 658–659 infra.